



St. Hedwig Church

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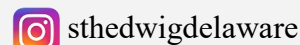
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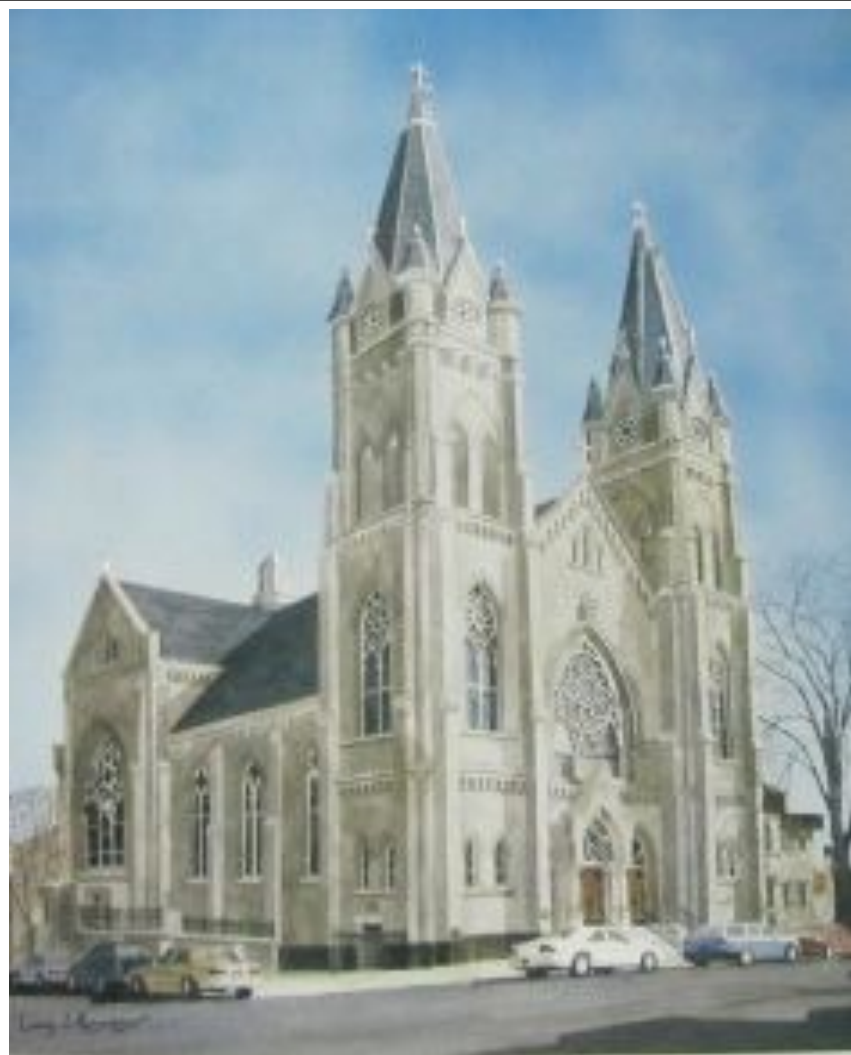
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May 7, 2023 † Fifth Sunday of Easter †



St. Hedwig Church welcomes you ...

We the faithful of Saint Hedwig Parish, a Catholic Community, are committed to living and sharing the Gospel values as disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating our lives together around the table of the Eucharist and other sacramental times during our journey of faith.

Fr. Andrew Molewski
Pastor

Fr. Julian Kaczowka, SChr
Assistant Pastor

Deacon Ray Zolandz

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Polish)

4:00 p.m.

Holy Days: see website & bulletin

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

Adoration: Sunday 3-4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration 5:30-6:25pm each evening)

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
and on weeknights before Mass

Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Though Luke presents an idyllic picture of the early church gathered in prayer and sharing all things in common, very shortly the community experienced growing pains. In today's first reading, we hear about a conflict brewing between the Palestinian Aramaic-speaking Jewish Christians and the Hellenistic Greek speaking Jewish Christians. While the stated problem concerns the widows, likely they are only an example of the various difficulties that arose as the gospel was proclaimed in different cultures. As Acts explains, the answer to the problem was to appoint more servants to assist the Twelve in their ministry. Two of those chosen – Stephen and Philip – will be instrumental in the gospel's spread outside of Jerusalem.

The author of First Peter uses metaphors and images common to the experience of his readers, who are "newborn infants" (1 Peter 2:2) in the faith. Christ is the cornerstone of their faith and is foundational to their spiritual life. By virtue of his resurrection, he is a "living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God" (1 Peter 2:4). Believers are themselves to become like living stones and serve as a holy priesthood. The titles once reserved for Israel are now granted to the faithful in Christ who are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" (1 Peter 2:9).

In today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus assures His disciples that in his Father's house, there are many dwelling places. Here John is combining two important themes found throughout his Gospel: that of "house" (John 14:2) and "to dwell" (John 14:10) "House" is a frequent word in the Gospel (John 2:16-17; 7:53; 11:31; 12:3). In today's reading, the image of a house with plenty of space for resting resembles a typical Roman atrium house with many cubicles. The front door opened to the street and allowed visible access to the interior. A householder wanted his or her status visible to those who passed by. Clients came and went. Only the family members remained. The Greek word for "to dwell" (also "abide," "stay," "remain") is *meno* and becomes the designation and destination for a true disciple. The disciple is called to dwell in Jesus (John 15.4).

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Sw. Lukas raduje się chyba częściej niż którykolwiek inny spośród autorów natchnionych liczącym wzrastaniem pierwotnego Kościoła. W Dziejach Apostolskich co chwila spotykamy wzmianki o tym, że tyle a tyle osób nawróciło się, że liczba uczniów wzrasta itp.

Lecz to wzrastanie pierwotnego chrześcijaństwa stwarzało odpowiedzialnym za pierwotny Kościół wcale nie błahe problemy. O jednym z takich problemów słyszeliśmy w pierwszym czytaniu z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa. Była to sprawa obsługi ubogich, dokładnie ubogich wdów. Właściwie trzeba by zauważyć, że bardziej o obowiązek państwa niż Kościoła, ale Kościół nigdy nie uchylał się od opieki nad najbardziej potrzebującymi. "Res sacra miser" – ubogi to rzecz święta, namawiali ojcowie Kościoła. I tak oto przelozeni pierwotnego Kościoła znaleźli się wobec poważnej trudności: ubogimi trzeba się zająć, a nie ma kto tego uczynić, bo apostołowie są zajęci pozostawianiem na modlitwie i głoszeniem Słowa. Zaistniała tedy konieczność powołania do życia oddzielnej instytucji do obsługi ubogich.

I tak został stworzony pierwszy kościelny zespół charytatywny. Składał się z siedmiu osób, co może mieć także wymowę symboliczną: wiadomo, że liczba siedem wyraża idee pełni, doskonałości. Być może, iż chodziło nie tyle o 7 co o wystarczającą liczbę osób. Nie brano byle kogo. Mogli to być jedynie ludzie o nieposzlakowanej opinii. Ponadto winni byli wyznaczyć się pobożnością, bo to chyba oznacza wyrażenie "pełni Ducha Świętego" i ludzka roztropnością czyli zdrowym rozsądkiem.

Wszystko to oznacza, jak wielką wagę przywiązywał Kościół od początku swego istnienia do świadczenia miłosierdzia ubogim i potrzebującym. Nie możemy zapominać o tym ani na chwilę, jeśli pragniemy wrócić do źródeł prawdziwego chrześcijaństwa.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian



Please remember to pick up your free copy of the Dialog as you exit church. Don't miss the May 6-7 edition that includes a profile of seminarian James Gebhart, who will be ordained a transitional deacon on May 13. The following issue will have an article focused on Rev. Mr. John Enemuo, who will be ordained a priest in the Diocese of Wilmington on May 20 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Please keep them in your prayers!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

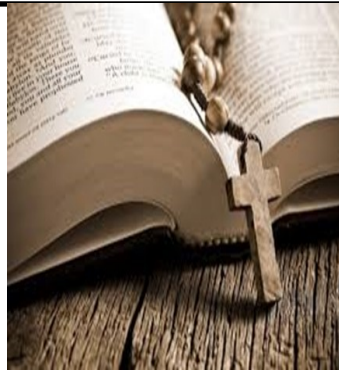
Due to our publishing company relocating, Bulletins must be submitted on Fridays during May. Offertory updates may be delayed by several weeks. Thanks for your patience.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint John Paul II Chapel, Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions are heard during Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!

Millions of Monicas – Many people have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. The Millions of Monicas prayer ministry supports mothers in this situation. Following the example of St. Monica, these mothers come together weekly to persevere in prayer for the children’s joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm at St. Patrick’s Church, 1414 North King Street, Wilmington. For more info: www.millionsofmonicas.com

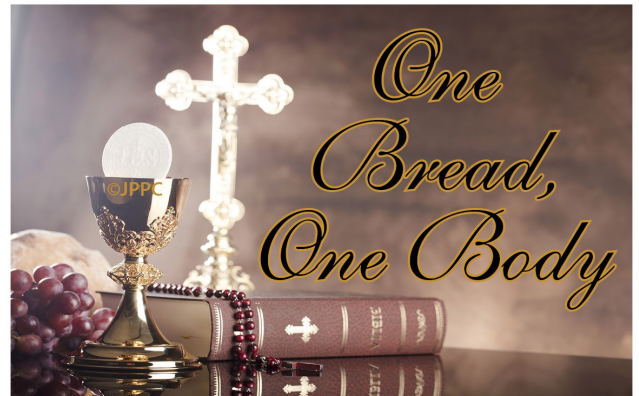


PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Join us for Mass, then stay and pray! All are welcome!

May 13, 1-4 p.m.: Afternoon Tea celebrating and remembering our Mothers, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Msgr. Dwyer Hall, 801 N. DuPont Blvd., Wilmington Manor, New Castle. \$30 per person. Reserve table of 8 and be eligible for a special drawing. Menu includes assorted tea sandwiches, scones, pastries and variety of teas. No printed tickets, names will be registered for check-in on the day of event. To pay by credit card, go to www.olfnewcastle.com and hit the parish fund raising payments link, then email your information to fatimachurch@aol.com. Also payment in cash or checks made payable to *Our Lady of Fatima*, (Memo: TEA). For more information, call the Rectory at (302) 328-3431. Order deadline, Monday, May 8th.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Remember and Pray for all who are sick in our parish and community.

Remember and Pray for all who have departed this life.

Father Andrew, Katie, Joe Rybaltowski, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Wanda Weikel, Aleksander Bielecki, Sharon Kozlowski, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Rudolf Wolanin, Josephine Szczerba, Emma Kozlowski, Terri Starr, Francis Lally, Joy Deluchia, John W. Foskey, Sr., Gail Hawke and Frank Kucharski

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Saturday, May 6, 2023

8am Stella Mondzelewski
Int. Daughter, Linda

4pm Kathleen March
Int. Husband, Mark

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy
Rosary Society

11:30am Michalina & Stefan Zyskowski
Int. Family

4pm Joseph Pollinger
Int. Daughter, Joanne & Family

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:30pm Joseph Kryspin &
Margie & John Blaschko
Int. Family

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:30pm Harold Little (3rd anniversary)
Int. Wiesia

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:30pm Nick Czerwinski
Int. Brother, George & Family

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:30pm Aloysius & Helen Pekasiewicz
Int. Margie, Mary Ann & Helena

Friday, May 12, 2023

6:30pm Margaret M. Judge
Int. Eileen Siter

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8am Living Intentions-God's Blessings for
Charlotte Coletta
Int. Izabela Toner

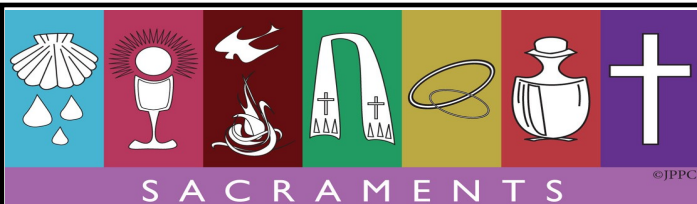
4pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 14, 2023

9am Mother's Day Intentions

11:30am Mother's Day Intentions

4pm Mother's Day Intentions



Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office during office hours to make arrangements for Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples should call the Parish Office so that the proper preparation may be made at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One-half hour before daily Mass in the Chapel, Monday—Thursday and on Saturday from 3:00– 3:45 p.m. in Church; or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist: Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners who are planning surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before the surgery.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): All adults who are discerning readiness to join the Catholic Church and are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments should call the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Religious Education Classes (CCD): Children not attending Catholic School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Please contact the Office of Religious Education and leave a message at 594-1400 Ext. 4.

† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

will burn this week for

Living Intentions & Blessings for Dot Z.

and Fran G.

as requested by

Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Monday thru Friday - Eucharistic Adoration, St. John Paul II Chapel 5:30-6:30pm.
- Family Mass - 9:00am first Sunday every month.
- Rosary Mass - 8:30am first Sunday after the first Friday every month.
- Confessions - Every evening during Adoration & 1/2 hour before Masses.
- Blessing of Religious Articles - Second weekend of each month after all Masses.
- Healing of the Sick - Third weekend of each month after 4pm Sunday Mass.
- Prayer Group - Meeting every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturday after 4pm Mass in Gulch Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month. John Lagowski is the Grand Knight his phone # is: 302-992-0309
- April 30th - 9am Mass First Communion
- May 1st - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May Day)
- May 5th - First Friday
- May 6th - May Devotions
- May 7th - May Procession after 9am Mass
- May 13th & 14th - Mother's Day Birthright Rose Sale (all Masses)
- May 21st - Ascension Sunday
- May 28th - Pentecost Sunday
- May 29th - Memorial Day 9am Mass



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The program is open to people 16 years of age or older. Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? Have you been away from the church, returned and would like to know more about the Catholic Church? If any of these questions apply to you, you might want to consider participating in the R.C.I.A. process. Or, if you know of anyone who could answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them. If you are interested and have questions, or would like to register, please call the rectory office at (302)594-1400, ext. 0. R.C.I.A. classes are held one evening each week at 7:15 p.m. in the parish rectory and will begin in late November. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided. We welcome everyone to the program.



Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him? The **Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS)** may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. Meets in Newark on the third Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Diane at ThirdOrderCarmelitesofDE@yahoo.com

Roses for sale on Mother's Day



For Birthright of Delaware, Inc.

All women in attendance for all Masses on Mother's Day will receive after mass a free rose compliments of Fr. Andrew and Fr. Julian.

Roses will also be available for sale after all masses on Mother's day in the lobby of the main entrance to our church.

Cost: \$3.00 for one rose

\$5.00 for three roses

\$ 20.00 for a dozen

\$ 40.00 for a Bouquet of twenty-five

Thanking you in advance for your generosity